(b) Fourteen (14) checks were carried out druring March and April, 1989 when local sale was at its peak. During these checks, except for minor difference of 5 to 10 Kg. when loaded trucks were weighed, no other irregularities were noted.

(c) No, Sir. The company (BCCL) is itself conducting surprise checks periodically by Head Quarters officials, Area officials and Colliery officials to curb unfair trade.

Permission to Increase Drug Prices

2360. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the bulk drugs where price increase has been granted during 1988 and upto 31st March, 1989 ; and

(b) what was the price of each of these drugs under DPCO, 1979 and when was that fixed and what is the percentage and increase in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO- CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL): (a) and (b) The details of prices of bulk drugs fixed under DPCO, 1987, data of fixation of price, its earlier prices etc. are given in the annexure. [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 146].

Providing Set Offs to Drug Companies

2361. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that set offs have been given in the working of overcharging of amounts due from drug companies ;

(b) if so, what are the names of the companies and drugs in whose cases set offs have been given ;

(c) whether it is a fact that set offs have been allowed contr to the advice of the Ministry of verdict of the Delhi High Court and in violation of Drugs Price Control Order, 1979 ; and

(d) if so, on what basis concessions which are illegal have been given and what steps have been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a) to (d) The requ red details shall be col ted and aid on the Table o Rajya Sabha.

Price of Althroc in 500 mg Tablets

2362. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present price of each pack of Althrocin 500 mg Tablets ;

(b) whether his Ministry has fixed any price under DPCO, 1979 ;

(c) if so, when and what price was fixed for each pack ;

(d) what is the name of the bulk drug on which this finished medicine is based and when this formulation was introduced ;

(e) whether the Ministry has revised the price of this strength under DPCO, 1987 and if so, what price has been approved ;

(f) whether it is a fact that the producer of this product is also overcharging the price of Megadol; and

(g) if so, what is the price approved and what is the present price at which it is being sold?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a), (d) and (e) Althrocin 500 mg Tablets is based on bulk drug Erythromycin Estolate and are produced by M/s. Alembic Chemical Works Co. Ltd. To the extent information is available a ceiling price of Rs. 47.82 was notified for 10's pack of this formulation on 22-5-1989.

(b), (c), (f) and (g) The required details will be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Prices of Oxyphenylbutazone Formulations

2363. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that durg companies are over charging the prices of formulations based on Oxyphenylbutazone;

(b) whether it is also a fact that certain instances of overcharging have come to the Ministry's notice;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(d) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry has asked the leading formulators to provide the details of purchase of Oxyphenylbutazone and the rate of such purchase from April, 1979 onwards;

(e) if so, what are the names of the companies and when was such information asked from each;

(f) whether it is a fact that the companies are still overcharging the prices; and

(g) what was the price of Oxalgin fixed under DPCO, 1979 and what price is being charged at present for each pack and strength ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL): (a) Formulations based on Oxyphenylbutazone are not price controlled under DPCO, 1987.

(b), (c) and (f) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) Letters to some of the formulators were issued during 1984 calling for the details of procurement of the bulk drug in order to work out the liability arising under para 7 (2) of DPCO, 1979.

(g) Oxalgin is a combination of Oxyphenylbutazone with Analgin and is therefore price controlled under DPCO, 1987. To the extent information is available a price of Rs. 6.51 for 10's strip of Oxalgin tablets has been fixed on 7-7-1989. Details of price fixed under DPCO, 1979 from time to time are readily not available.

Production of Anti-leprosy Drugs

2364. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI :
SHRI SYED SIBETI RAZI :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that anti-leprosy and anti-T. B. drugs are being produced in the country;

(b) if so, what are the names of the drugs alongwith the name of the producer of each drug and the licensed capacity of each;